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SUBJECT: SUGAR: APPROACH TO GOVERNMENTS OF QUOTA COUNTRIES

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1. BELIZE SUGAR INDUSTRIES MANAGING DIRECTOR, FRANK CURTIS, LEST BELIZE FEBRUARY 12 OR WASHINGTON. HIS PURPOSE IS TO BRIEF TATE & LYLE'S (BSI'S PARENT COMPANY) LOBBIEST IN WASHINGTON ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE BELIZEAN SUGAR INDUSTRY. BEFORE HE LEFT HE OBTAINED A COMMITMENT FROM THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, A. A. HUNTER, THAT THE GOB WOULD GIVE FIRST PIRORITY TO FULFILLING THE U.S. QUOTA BEFORE RELEASING ANY SUGAR FOR THE WORLD MARKET. HUNTER HAS REASSURED US THAT THIS COMMITMENT IS VALID.

2. MEANWHILE THE GOB IS MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CANE FARMERS TO OBTAIN THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY THE U.S. QUOTA. THE CANE FARMERS ARE GOING ALONG WITH THE GOB, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THEM ARE BECOMING RELUCTANT BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORLD AND U.S. PRICES. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CANE FARMERS ASSOCIATION HAS TOLD US THAT THE ASSORATION RECOGNIZES THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF AN
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ASSURED MARKET IN THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE BELIZEAN SUGAR

INDUSTRY.

3. COMMENT: THE U.S. SUGAR ACT IS OF VITAL INTEREST TO BELIZE. U.S. REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING SUPPLIED NOW AS QUICKLY AS THE SUGAR IS PRODUCED. THE GOB, THE CANE FARMERS AND THE PRODUCING COMPANY ARE BASING MUCH OF THEIR EXPANSION PLANS ON A FUTURE, AND EXPANDED, U.S. SUGAR QUOTA. THUS, WE BELIEVE THAT BELIZE WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ANY FUTURE U.S. SUGAR ACT. DRISCOLL

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